

3.1 LATE ITEM AGENDA REPORT – COVID-19 FINANCIAL HARDSHIP POLICY

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ATTACHMENT/S: Nil

SUMMARY

To recommend to Council that a late item agenda report (item 10.5) in respect to the draft COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy be received.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Circumstances and implications resultant from the ongoing Coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak continue to develop and change at a rapid pace. With a number of restrictions on trade and gatherings of people, it is anticipated that many within the George Town municipality will experience financial hardship as a result of measures put in place from the Commonwealth and State Governments to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

At the time of authoring this report, officers had received a number of calls from concerned ratepayers with regard to being able to meet their rate payment obligations. It is anticipated over the coming days and weeks that many more ratepayers will contact Council with similar concerns.

It is the view of the General Manager that a COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy be developed and considered by Council as soon as practical.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to receive the late item Agenda Report 10.5 from the Manager Corporate Services & Finance in respect to draft COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy.

REQUIRES ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against: